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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Madam President. I ask for a personal point of privilege. And I would like to address the other members of the Legislature, if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please proceed, Senator.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I asked for this point of personal privilege so I can take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the courtesy that you have extended me throughout the 18 years that I have been in the Unicameral. I'm pleased to look back and see, throughout those 18 years as a State Senator representing District 10, that with the help and cooperation of many other excellent and dedicated senators that the death penalty is still in effect, that stricter crime legislation and truth in sentencing are part of the statutes, and the change in the insanity plea is protecting the public, and victims now have rights in the Constitution, and other positive changes that we all have worked on in that time. I was pleased to be the first woman elected to the Executive Board of this august body. To my friends I say, thank you. And to my adversaries I hold out an olive branch that we may work together for the future of the people of the state of Nebraska for their best interest. I want to thank my staff for their cooperation and help, and to the Clerk, who has been most helpful, and all of the legislative staff that have given so much of their time and their effort to make things work smoothly at the Unicameral. I have decided that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the state of Nebraska, the citizens of Douglas County, and in particular the constituents of both my legislative and County Commission districts that I resign my elective office as representative of District 10 effective immediately. I have loved my service in the Legislature, and I have great respect for the wonderful members of this Unicameral that I have known and worked with throughout the years. I have a great respect for this body also and the orderly process that is required in a democracy. I have congratulated and I welcome now my appointed successor, Deborah Suttle, and I wish her well as she serves as the new representative of District 10. My love and my thanks to my husband and my family and all of my friends who have stuck with me through difficult times and difficult campaigns. I love